Rehabilitation Package for Displaced Persons

1492. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of poor peoplel including SC/ST population who have been displaced following the construction of big dams, are yet to be suitably rehabilitated, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the rehabilitation packages are being implemented in a fair and transparent manner; and

(c) if so, what are the remedial measures being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) Water being a State subject, all water resources projects are planned and executed by the State Governments themselves. As such, resettlement and rehabilitation of persons displaced by water resources projects are undertaken by the State Governments according to the State-wise/Project-wise resettlement and rehabilitation polices/ executive orders. Fair and transparent implementation of rehabilitation packages as per these policies fall within the purview of the respective State Government.

World Bank Loan for Irrigation Projects in Gujarat

1493. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going irrigation projects in Gujarat at present;

(b) whether Central Water Commission (CWC) had cleared certain more irrigation projects in Gujarat for getting World Bank Loan;

(c) if so, the amount of loan sought;

(d) the details of irrigation projects to be financed with this loan; and

(e) the number of irrigation projects awaiting clearance/pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) The details of on-going irrigation projects in Gujarat are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).